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AT OUR LAST MEETING...

There was some good discussion on our classes and what classes will be held. There will not be a basic Basic class unless more of you are interested. There will be Advanced Basic and Intro to Machine Code. Special class will be the Modem Class. The first two classes will be taught by Lloyd Dreger and the Modem class will be taught by Dave Franson. If interested See Dick Cultice for signup sheets.

There was more discussion dealing with the COMPUTERFEST in May and what was happening there. SMUG will be giving two seminars. The first will be Dave Franson with a Graphics presentation. The second will be Dick Cultice, Dave, again, and myself. This presentation will be on printers and there use.

President, Neal Schultz asked if both seminars could be presented at the next meeting. Because of the length, 50 min., it was decided to present shortend versions. This should be a very informative meeting. If you can't make it watch for future serials of both in this newsletter.

The final bit of business was the creation of a digitizer for the TS068. Gordon Kraemer, Hardware Hacker, will look into what is required to build one. What this means is that the TS2068 can take a picture from a TV screen and copy it to the computer. The only requirement would be that the picture must be still while the computer "reads" the screen. So I think it will require a video recorder. IF THIS WORKS just think of the pictures that can be stored in the memory of the computer. You can store family, homes or anything you have on your VCR.

Upcomming events:

Saturday and Sunday May 2 and 3, 1987 is the COMPUTERFEST in Indiana. See last months SMUG Bytes.

NEW CONTEST:

In somewhere in SMUG Bytes will be a page with different types of code. The solution to the message must be postmarked or in my hands by the 5th of May. If there is more than one correct respondent I will have a drawing at the May meeting. Decision by the iudges, me, will be final.

The prize will be your choice of 2 rolls of 2040 paper, 3 5 1/4 inch DSDD disc's or 100 pages of 9 1/2 x 11 printer paper. The answer will appear in the June Issue of SMUG Bytes. I want each line printed out under the code. Hint the puzzle should have been printed in the February issue.



ACTIVATING ARECO BANKS FOR BASIC

BY LLOYD DREGER

Here is the program those of us with Aerco Disk drives with extra banks of memory have been waiting for. Although we had the code for putting basic into the dock bank since June (See FD-68 vol 1.2) albeit with an error, we were missing the necessary bank numbers for the other banks. Many thanks to David Hill for the 4 drive program modifications. I just put it all together.

The two port numbers to remember are 60639 for a 2 drive system and 62687 for the 4 drive system. The bank numbers for the 2 drive system are 128, 132, 136, and 140 AND 128, 129, 136 and 137 for the 4 drive system. You just have to remember the numbers that apply to your particular system.

To install the correct codes into the other banks you will have to type in two short m/c programs and a basic program. What is listed below is for the 2 DRIVE SYSTEM.

Program 1:

```
1 REM 2 DRIVES
5 FOR A = 24047 TO 24133
10 READ B: POKE A,B: NEXT A
20 DATA
243,62,3,211,244,33,0,0,17,0,128,1,
0,64,237,176,62,3,
211,244,62,132,1,223,236,237,121,33
,0,128,17,0,0,1,0,237,176,
62,136,1,223,236,237,121,33,0,128,1
7,0,0,1,0,64,237,176,62,140,
1,223,236,237,121,33,0,128,17,0,0,1
,0,64,237,176,62,128,1,223,
236,237,121,62,1,211,244,251,201
```

Check the data line carefully and run the program then save this code to disk with MOVE "banks.bin",24047,87.

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Program 2:

```
1 REM BASIC INSTALLER:
5 FOR A = 24320 TO 24516
10 READ B: POKE A,B: NEXT A
20 DATA
243,219,244,8,58,158,95,6,0,184,40,
62,8,6,1,184,40,28,
33,0,92,17,0,128,1,203,0,237,176,62
,1,211,244,33,0,91,17,0,92,1
30 DATA
203,0,237,176,251,201,33,0,92,17,0,
91,1,203,0,237,176,
62,241,211,244,33,0,128,17,0,92,1,2
03,0,237,176,251,201,62,1,211
40 DATA
244,50,158,95,33,0,92,17,0,91,1,203
,0,237,176,62,241,
211,244,33,204,128,54,128,35,54,13,
35,54,128,33,89,92,17,75,92,1
50 DATA
83,92,62,204,54,205,18,2,35,19,3,62
,128,119,18,2,24,
142,33,0,91,17,0,128,1,203,0,237,17
6,205,2,10,33,0,128,17,0,91,1
60 DATA
203,0,237,176,201,0,1,241,17,0,0,33
,0,0,1,0,0,58,159,
95,211,244,126,8,58,160,95,211,244,
8,18,19,35,11,120,177,32,235
70 DATA 58,160,95,211,244,201
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Again, check the data lines carefully, run the program and save the code to disk with MOVE "dockbas.bin",24320,197.

Program 3:

```
1 REM 2 DRIVES
2 REM FOR 4 DRIVE SYSTEMS CHANGE
POKE 60639 TO POKE 62687 USING 128,
129, 136 AND 137 FOR BANK NUMBERS.
ALSO POKE 24071, 24089, 24107 AND
24125 WITH 244. THEN POKE
24068,129: POKE 24086,136: POKE
24104,137
5 CAT "BANKS.BIN",
10 BORDER 1: PAPER 1: INK 5: CLS
15 OUT 244,1: OUT 60639,128: PRINT
"NOW TRANSFERING OPERATING SYSTEM
TO SHADOW DOCK BANKS""
20 RANDOMIZE USR 24320
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25 FOR B = 128 TO 140 STEP 4:REM
CHANGE FOR 4 DRIVE SYSTEM
30 OUT 60639,B:PRINT "OUT 60639,
";B:OUT 244,1:POKE 37,B: NEXT B:REM
INSTALL BANK NUMBERS
35 OUT 244,1
40 PRINT "ALL BANKS NOW HAVE AERCO
DISK DRIVE INTEFACE OPERATING
SYSTEM WITH ID AT BYTE 37"
42 PRINT
45 CAT "DOCKBAS.BIN",
50 INPUT "WHICH BANKS DO YOU WISH
BASIC SYSTEM INSTALLED? (0-3)
0=DOCK ";A
55 IF A <0 OR A >3 THEN GO TO 50
60 LET A = A*4: REM FOR 4 DRIVE
SYSTEM USE--IF A >2 THEN LET A = A
+ 6
65 LET A = A + 128
70 OUT 60639,A: RANDOMIZE USR
24320: OUT 244,1
75 PRINT "BASIC SYSTEM IN BANK ";A
80 INPUT "INSTALL BASIC SYSTEM IN
ANOTHER BANK? (Y/N) ";Y$
85 IF Y$ = "Y" OR Y$ = "y" THEN
POKE 24478,0: GO TO 50
90 CLS: PRINT TAB 8: FLASH 1: "READ
CAREFULLY": FLASH 0
100 PRINT ""YOU RRE STILL IN THE
HOME BANK BUT ARE USING CHUNK 0 OF
THE LAST BANK YOU ACTIVATED WITH
BASIC."
105 PRINT ""TO ACTIVATE THIS BANK
MERELY DO:"; FLASH 1: "RANDOMIE USR
24320: OUT 244,241": FLASH 0
110 PRINT ""TO ACTIVATE BASIC IN
DIFFERENT BANK DO: "; FLASH 1: "OUT
24320, #: "; FLASH 0: "WHERE # IS
ONE OF THE BANK NUMBERS GIVEN. THEN
FOLLOW WITH: RANDOMIZE USR 24320:
OUT 244,241 ALL ON THE SAME LINE."
120 PRINT "TO GET BACK TO HOME BANK
DO: RANDOMIZE USR 24320 AND OUT
244,1"
130 PRINT ""TAB 4: FLASH 1: "PRESS
ANY KEY FOR MORE": FLASH 0:PAUSE 0
140 CLS: PRINT "ANY BASIC PROGRAM
CAN BE LOADED DIRECTLY INTO AN
ACTIVATED BANK BUT ""COPY""
COMMANDS MUST BE CHANGED TO
RANDOMIZE USR 24452"
150 PRINT "BINARY CODE PORTIONS OF
PROGRAMS MUST BE FIRST LOADED INTO
THE HOME BANK AND TRANSFERRED TO
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THE DESIRED BANK WITH THE CODE AT 24479 AS LISTED IN THIS PROGRAM. ONCE LOADED, A SAVE TO THE DISK THEN ALLOWS DIRECT LOADING FROM BASIC USING THE NEW BIN SAVE."

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160 PRINT "NEVER USE THE ""NEW""
COMMAND TO ERASE A PROGRAM AS THE
COMPLETE INSTALLATION ALSO IS
DELETED. USE DELETE #,# INSTEAD."
170 PRINT "TAB 4; FLASH 1; "PRESS
ANY KEY FOR MORE"; FLASH 0; PAUSE
0
```

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180 CLS: PRINT "THIS PROGRAM USES
CODE AT 24047 TO 24135 AND 24320 TO
24516. THE BASIC PROGRAM MAY NOW BE
ERASED. YOU MAY WISH TO USE THE
LINES AT 9000 FOR YOUR PROGRAM
SETUPS AFTER WHICH THEY TOO CAN
GO."
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190 PRINT """"TAB 7;"HAPPY
COMPUTERING"
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200 STOP
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9000 REM XFER BIN
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9005 INPUT "WHICH BANK? 128, 132,
136, 140? ";A: REM 128, 129, 136,
137 FOR 4 DRIVES
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9010 POKE 60639,A: REM 62687 FOR 4
DRIVE
```

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9015 INPUT "ENTER FILE NAME TO BE
TRANSFERRED ";A$: LET B$ = A$
9020 LET A = (A - 128)/4 : REM "A
= A - 128 : IF A > 2 THEN LET A =
A - 4" FOR 4 DRIVE SYSTEM
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9025 IF LEN B$ > (10 - A) THEN LET
B$ = B$( TO 10 - A)
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9030 FOR X = 1 TO A: LET B$ = B$ +
"*": NEXT X: REM NAME IS SUFFIXED
WITH 1 TO 4 * TO SPECIFY WHICH
BANK
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9035 LET A$ = A$ + ".BIN""; CAT
"A$"
```

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9040 INPUT "STARTING ADDRESS ";A:
LET S = A: GO SUB 9100
```

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9045 INPUT "LENGTH OF CODE (MAX
32768) ";B: IF B > 32768 THEN PRINT
"CODE TOO LONG FOR BANK": STOP
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9050 LET S = B: GO SUB 9110
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9055 RANDOMIZE USR 24481
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9060 LET B$ = B$ + ".BIN"";"+ STR$
A + "," + STR$ B: MOVE "B$"
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9065 OUT 244,1: STOP
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9100 GO SUB 9200: POKE 24485,LO:
POKE 24486,HI: POKE 24482,LO: POKE
24483,HI: RETURN
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9110 GO SUB 9200: POKE 24488,LO:
POKE 24489,HI: RETURN
9200 LET HI = INT (S/256): LET LO
= S - (HI*256): RETURN
```

Save this program to disk with MOVE "banks.bas", before running it.

Before running the program, let's explain what is going to happen. The first code actually takes chunks 0 and 1 and loads them in the home bank above 32768. It then activates all 4 banks in turn and writes the code to these banks in chunks 0 and 1 returning to the home bank. In the process it also writes the bank # into byte 37 of each bank. A peek of this byte will always tell you what bank is ready.

The code of the 2nd program sets up the basic programmer into each bank you select. Certain things are necessary to run basic in a bank. Since each program will be a different length a copy of the systems variables table must be preserved somewhere before leaving the home bank. This is done by storing it into the printer buffer for the 2040 printer. A new copy of the system variables is then set up with a Program starting address of 32972 with the proper end markers inserted into the ram for the end of basic, the end of vars and eline. The space between 32768 and 32972 stores the 204 bytes of the system variables table for that bank. Upon shifting banks the proper system variables are put into the normal systems variable area of chunk 2 which also contains the display file for the monitor/tv. Doing all the OUT 244,241's activates all but chunks 1, 2 and 3 of each bank. Never activate chunk 2 or you lose the display file and the systems variable table. Never activate chunk 3 or you lose the machine stack and the exrom switching code.

Because the printer buffer is used, a special routine for the extra banks is used to copy out the printer buffer to another area so it can be used for the 2040 printer from the extra banks--that is why the Randomize Usr 24452.

Also note that the machine code stack is common to all banks. This gives us a headache in basic. We can shift banks in the middle of a program as long as we are not in a subroutine when we do it--a subroutine pushes the return address unto the stack and it may get buried or be used as the wrong time if we are not careful.

The expert will note that only the basic 32 character per line screen can be used at this point. Further modifications are necessary before you activate other screen modes.

Also note at this time that there is no transferring of basic variables from one program to another. Each bank has its own basic variables table.

Now for a little demo. Run the program and install basic in as many banks as you desire. Read all the help screens. When the program stops enter in command mode the RANDOMIZE USR 24320 and Out 244,241. Do a CLS and try LIST---you get a 0 0 ok in the bottom corner but no program: Now, just for fun type in the line 1 PRINT PEEK 37 and RUN it just to make sure the bank basic works. Okay? Let's go back to the home bank. RANDOMIZE USR 24320 and OUT 244,1. Doing a LIST should get back a listing of this program. For a Different bank use OUT 60639,# where # is a different bank you have set up for basic. Once again RANDOMIZE USR 24320 and OUT 244,241 followed by CLS and LIST and once again no program. Enter something different for a one line program if

you like and go back to the home bank again. Note that each use of RANDOMIZE USR 24320 toggles you between the home bank and the activated bank. Don't forget the OUT 244 statements or your computer will get lost. Never use NEW or all this initialization you have been doing is lost.

What you do with all 5 banks in basic mode only you and your wildest imagination can decide. Have fun.

The actual routines are:

Operating System:

24047 F3	DI
24048 3E03	LD A, 3
24050 D3F4	OUT (244),A
24052 210000	LD HL, 0
24055 110000	LD DE, 32768
24058 010040	LD BC, 16384
24061 EDB0	LDIR
24063 3E03	LD A, 3
24065 D3F4	OUT (244), A
24067 3E84	LD A, 132
24069 01DFEC	LD BC, 60639
24072 ED79	OUT (C), A
24074 210080	LD HL, 32768
24077 110000	LD DE, 0
24080 010040	LD BC, 16384
24083 EDB0	LDIR
24085 3E88	LD A, 136
24087 01DFEC	LD BC, 60639
24090 ED79	OUT (244), A
24092 210080	LD HL, 32768
24095 110000	LD DE, 0
24098 010040	LD BC, 16384
24101 EDB0	LDIR
24103 3E8C	LD A, 140
24105 01DFEC	LD BC, 60639
24108 ED79	OUT (244), A
24110 210080	LD HL, 32768
24113 110000	LD DE, 0
24116 010040	LD BC, 16384
24119 EDB0	LDIR
24121 3E80	LD A, 128
24123 01DFEC	LD BC, 60639
24126 ED79	OUT (C), A
24128 3E01	LD A, 1
24130 D3F4	OUT (244), A

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24132 FB      EI
24133 C9      RET

BASIC INTO BANK

24320 F3      DI :DISABLE
INTERRUPTS UNTIL DONE
24321 DBF4    IN A, (244)
:GET CURRENT CHUNKS ENABLED
24323 0B      EX AF, AF' :
SAVE IN A'
24324 3A9E5F  LD A, (24478)
24327 0600    LD B, 0 :IF
244478=0 INITIALIZE AT 24394
24329 B8      CP B
24330 283E    JR Z, INIT
24332 06      EX AF, AF'
24333 0601    LD B, 1 :IF
CURRENT BANK =1 THEN BANK
24335 B8      CP B
24336 281C    JR Z, BANK
24338 21005C  HOME LD HL, 23552
:SAVE SYS VARS OF BANK
24341 110080  LD DE, 32768
24344 01CB00  LD BC, 203
24347 EDB0    LDIR
24349 3E01    LD A, 1: SHIFT
BANKS
24351 D3F4    OUT (244), A
24353 21005B  LD HL, 23296:
LOAD HOME SYS VARS
24356 11005C  LD DE, 23552
24359 01CB00  LD BC, 203
24362 EDB0    LDIR
24364 FB      EI
24365 C9      RET
24366 21005C  BANK LD HL, 23552:
SAVE HOME SYS VARS
24369 11005B  LD DE, 23396
24372 01CB00  LD BC, 203
24375 EDB0    LDIR
24377 3EF1    LD A, 241:
CHANGE TO BANK
24379 D3F4    OUT (244), A
24381 210080  LD HL, 32768:
LOAD BANK SYS VARS
24384 11005C  LD DE, 23552
24387 01CB00  LD BC, 203
24390 EDB0    LDIR
24392 FB      EI
24393 C9      RET
24394 3E01    INIT LD A, 1: SWICH
TO HOME AND SET INIT BYTE
24396 D3F4    OUT (244), A

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24398 329E5F  LD (24478), A
24401 21005C  LD HL, 23552:
SAVE HOME SYS VARS
24404 11005B  LD DE, 23396
24407 01CB00  LD BC, 203
24410 EDB0    LDIR
24412 3EF1    LD A, 241:
CHANGE TO BANK
24414 D3F4    OUT (244), A
24416 21CC80  LD HL, 32972:
ADJUST PROG. VARS & ELINE
24419 3680    LD (HL), 128
:END MARKERS
24421 23      INC HL
24422 3680    LD (HL), 128
24424 23      INC HL
24425 3680    LD (HL), 128
24427 21595C  LD HL, 23641
24430 114B5C  LD DE, 23627
24433 01535C  LD BC, 23635
24436 3ECC    LD A, 204
24438 36CD    LD (HL), 205
24440 12      LD (DE), A
24441 02      LD (BC), A
24442 23      INC HL
24443 13      INC DE
24444 03      INC BC
24445 3E80    LD A, 128
24447 77      LD (HL), A
24448 12      LD (DE), A
24449 02      LD (BC), A
24450 18BE    JR HOME
24452 21005B  COPY LD HL, PRINT
BUFFER
24455 110080  LD DE, BANK
STORAGE
24458 01CB00  LD BC, 203
24461 EDB0    LDIR
24463 CD020A  CALL 2562
:COPY
24466 210080  LD HL, BANK
STORAGE
24469 11005B  LD DE, PRINT
BUFFER
24472 01CB00  LD BC, 203
24475 EDB0    LDIR
24477 C9      RET
24478 00      NOP : INIT
FLAG
24479 01  XFER CODE SOURCE BANK
CHUNKS TO BE ENABLED
24480 F1      DESTINATION
BANK CHUNKS TO BE ENABLED
24481 110000  LD DE,

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DESTINATION ADDRESS--SEE NOTES
24484 210000      LD HL, SOURCE
ADDRESS
24487 010000      LD BC, LENGTH
24490 3A9F5F LOOP LD A, (24479):
LD SOURCE BANKS CHUNKS
24493 D3F4        OUT (244), A:
ENABLE SOURCE BANKS
24495 7E          LD A, (HL)
:LOAD BYTE FOR XFER
24496 0B          EX AF,AF':STORE
IT
24497 3AA05F      LD A, (24480):
GET DEST CHUNKS
24500 D3F4        OUT (244),
A:ENABLE DESTINATION
24502 0B          EX AF,AF' :GET
BYTE BACK
24503 12          LD (DE), A :PUT
IN DEST
24504 13          INC DE
:INCREMENT REGISTERS TO NEXT BYTE
24505 23          INC HL
24506 0B          DEC BC :REDUCD
COUNTER AND CHECK FOR ZERO
24507 78          LD A, B
24508 B1          OR C
24509 20EB        JR NZ, LOOP
24511 3AA05C      LD A,
(24480):ENABLE DESTINATION BANK
24514 D3F4        OUT (244), A
24516 C9          RET

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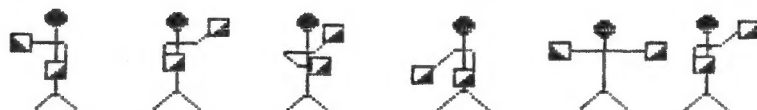
NOTES: This program will only work between the home bank and another bank not two different extra banks. DE must be the destination address in the extra bank and HL the source address in the home bank--generally they are the same address. BC is the number of bytes to transfer. Use normal lo/hi notation.

The basic of program 3, lines 9000-9200 asks for the bin name without suffix, loads it into the home bank, transfers it to the enabled extra bank and then saves a copy from the extra bank to disk with 1 to 4 astericks in the name to indicate which bank it was saved from. In other words, it's very user friendly.

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" THE REAL THING "

A lot of pleasure and satisfaction can be had in doing and finding ways to use your computer. At our last CPM meeting we tried to get a 232 port up and operating in CPM. We were side tracked when Modem753 was loaded into one computer and Mterm was loaded into a second computer. What followed was a down load from CPM to the Sinclair system using Xmodem. Here is how it was done.

The telephone cables were connected using a double phone receptical with 12VDC across the line. A 200 ohm resistor was used to limit the current. After loading Mterm with Xmodem in one of the computers and Modem753 into the other, we began.

The first thing we had to do was set the protocol. This is done from the menu in Mterm and by answering the prompts in Modem753. This was the protocol used.

	MTERM II	MODEM753
DUPLEX:	FULL	* E
PARITY:	NONE	NONE
WORD SIZE:	8	8
STOP BITS:	1	1
CON:	NONE	-----

* E was used to make the connection from CPM and Cap Shift-Symbol Shift,M from Mterm in terminal mode.

After the exchange of a few clever phrases and the sending of some MACRO's from Mterm, a few more words from the CPM terminal to check everything out, we were ready for our first attempt at transmitting a file.

The first try to transmit a file with Mterm in terminal mode, was not successful. CPM was looking for a check sum which is not provided by Mterm. The second try, Xmodem was used. This caused some excitement, for the file was being sent to the buffer in Mterm. The buffer now held a file which could be saved and used in just about any text editor.

Here is the procedure used:

With both terminals connected and the red lights on, each went to their respective MENU. The terminal using Mterm went to basic with the E command and type in the following. RANDOMIZE USR 54415 and waited the ok to continue. Meanwhile at the CPM consol the command S:file.DOC was typed in with a CR. The message came up WAITING and the ok was given to procede. The CR was pressed and the file was transmitted 128 bytes at a time. After each block was sent, a plus appeared from XMODEM and a hex number, (the number of the block being sent) from Modem753. We had succeeded.

Now you ask "What can this do for me?". CPM has a number of utilities that can be useful in writing and patching machine code programs with good documentation. You can write a new system or refine an old one to better suit your needs. Let your imagination come up with something new and useful and you will have made your mark in the computer field. We have the tools and they can be fun to use.

Next month we will explore the 232 port if the programming is available from AERCO. With the expanded CPM system, bank switching, new software and inventive hardware, the TIMEX 2068 will be not be forgotten as long as you and I support it.

If you are having a problem or would like a review of a subject about CPM write the news letter and let us know and we will try to cover your subject.

Richard

WAR GAMES

FROM THE PRES.

24 DAYS AND COUNTING!

An anxious feeling is building up for those members planning on attending the 2nd annual computerfest. There is so much to do and so little time left to do it in.

It is surprising the enthusiasm still left for our little computer even after Timex left the market. But I guess the dedication of the users overcomes everything.

War simulation games are games of strategy and planning requiring no dexterity skills with a troublesome joystick and no fast reflex action.

War in the East, by Mark L. Streuber.
WWII--Eastern Front, by Lloyd Dreger.

Both these games are a takeoff of the Avalon Hill game called Barbarosa after the German nickname of their opening Russian campaign. You play the Nazi German and Romanian (Axis) armies invading Russia in the Summer of 1941 with the object of capturing Moscow and holding it for 4 turns while the computer plays Russia. The entire game takes 2 to 4 hours for the 2068 game and 3 or 15 hours on the TS1000.

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Several years ago Mark sent SMUG a TS1000 copy of War in the East for review. It required 32k of memory and several major bugs were discovered. There are 4 playing maps. The movement of the Russian armies was straight across the screen and as armies reached the Baltic Sea they were killed off... sort of a "Lemmings to the sea" approach which left Moscow undefended which was not historically accurate. It took the computer 20 minutes to calculate the battle results, move the Russian armies, calculate their battle results and set up for the next German army move for the first turn and about 10 minutes for every turn after that.

Lloyd, a SMUG member, who had played the Avalon Hill game, decided to take up the challenge to correct the deficiencies and ended up rewriting the whole game adding a m/c routine to reduce map

printing time to less than 10 seconds. He even added a 5th map and corrected the intermap detection problem as well as the "lemming problem" while leaving Moscow always heavily guarded. The first turn wait was reduced to 3 to 4 minutes while succeeding turns were reduced to 1 minute or less. This made the game much harder to win, so he added two other variations to make the chances of winning higher for the amateur gamesman. And, he reduced the memory requirement to the 16k memory most TS1000 users have.

If you are interested in methods of reducing memory requirements, this is a real shoehorn job.

Fall of the Third Reich. Mark Steuber.

Mark gets better and better in his later attempts. You again play Germany in a hopeless situation of 1944 and the best you can do is delay the inevitable for a little while.

Ardennes. Mark Steuber.

The Germans in the Battle of the Bulge. Break through the allied lines, take as many towns as possible and then defend for all you are worth. Hard to win.

Britian Invaded. Mark Steuber.

What it would have been like if Germany had invaded England in WWII. Great graphics with a scrolling map and the ability to say which way you are attacking. You play England and will lose this game if you don't go on an aggressive attack. The German army movement leaves something to be desired. You must keep London at all cost and not let the Germans cut the rail lines. Arnhem. Robert T. Smith (Spectrum only at the present time)

The attempt by General Montgomery to end WWII by Christmas 1944 with his Operation Market Garden. Drop airbourn divisions behind the German lines in Holland to capture and hold bridges for the British ground forces to advance rapidly from west of Endhoven to Arnhem and thus outflank the Siegfried Line and overrun the Ruhr valley. Both American and British troops are involved. Can be played in full in about 4 hours (single player) or in 5 different parts requiring less time. Very detailed with each day having 3 phases. It can be won. Hint: Keep everything moving east and once you capture the Arnhem bridge dig in and defend and use that artillery.

In the Works: Bonaparte--the Napoleon capaigns from Italy to waterloo for 1 to 6 players.